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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISPATCH OF UNACCOMPANIED POUCHES FROM LENINGRAD  
TO HELSINKI

REF: LENINGRAD-1195, DECEMBER 4, 1974

1. CONSUL GENERAL AGAIN RAISED WITH DIPLOMATIC AGENCY DURING APRIL 1 CALL OUR DESIRE TO DISPATCH UNACCOMPANIED POUCHES BY RAIL TO HELSINKI. AS EMBASSY AWARE, THIS HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF VARIOUS EXCHANGES HERE AND IN MOSCOW. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HEAD POPOV SAID THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, DIPLOMATIC AGENCY WAS UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND HE MADE REFERENCE TO EXISTENCE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND FINLAND GOVERNING SIZE OF POUCHES AND PROCEDURES FOR THEIR DISPATCH. WHEN REMINDED THAT CONGEN ONLY WISHES TO UTILIZE PROCEDURE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE (EMBASSY NON-PRO COURIERS TO HELSINKI), POPOV MILDLY NOTED THAT EMBASSY'S PRACTICE WAS PROBABLY ALSO IN VIOLATION OF TERMS OF THIS SOVIET-FINNISH AGREEMENT. HE DID NOT MAKE A POINT OF THIS AND SAID THAT QUESTION OF LENINGRAD'S SITUATION SHOULD BE DECIDED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MFA. POPOV PROMISED TO PROVIDE COPY OF RELEVANT PROVISION OF THIS SOVIET-FINNISH AGREEMENT.

3. CONGEN WILL APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FURTHER EFFORTS

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TO CLARIFY THIS SITUATION SINCE WE ARE HAMPERED BY

CONTINUED INABILITY TO DISPATCH OUR UNACCOMPANIED  
POUCHES AS PART OF BAGGAGE CAR POUCHES ON TICKETS OF  
MOSCOW NON-PRO COURIERS. HOWEVER, AS EMBASSY AWARE,  
MOSCOW-HELSINKI TRAIN IS APPARENTLY SCHEDULED TO RE-ROUTE  
ITS LINE IN MAY AND WILL NOT TRANSIT LENINGRAD'S MOSCOW  
TRAIN STATION. HENCE, ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH EMBASSY CAN  
OBTAIN IN TALKS WITH MFA SHOULD TAKE THIS FACTOR INTO  
ACCOUNT. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT RE-ROUTING OF TRAIN  
WILL STILL MEAN THAT THIS TRAIN PASSES REASONABLY CLOSE  
TO LENINGRAD, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THERE WOULD  
BE A STOP AND/OR SUFFICIENT TIME TO LOAD OUR UNACCOMPANIED  
POUCHES AND ACCEPT COMPARTMENT-HELD POUCHES FROM NON-PRO  
COURIERS.

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